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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TIER II PERMIT TO OPERATE AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING SOURCE

PROPOSED ACTION: Thompson Creek Mining Company, Idaho has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a Tier II permit to operate an air pollution-emitting source located approximately 14 miles NW of Clayton, Idaho. DEQ has determined that operation according to the proposed permit will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard and will not injure or unreasonably affect human or animal life or vegetation. DEQ has reviewed the application and completed an analysis of the information submitted by the applicant to renew the Tier II permit to operate. Based on this analysis, DEQ proposes to issue the Tier II operating permit to Thompson Creek Mining Company.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Notice is given that the DEQ has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No. AQ – 0728 for Project number T2-050508 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and the proposed permit in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.404. The application materials, the proposed permit and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at <a href="http://www.deq.idaho.gov/Applications/NewsApp/checkCommentCache.cfm">http://www.deq.idaho.gov/Applications/NewsApp/checkCommentCache.cfm</a>

Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed permit. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include supporting materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255; joan.lechtenberg@deq.idaho.gov; or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list server and receive electronic information automatically at <a href="http://www.deq.idaho.gov">http://www.deq.idaho.gov</a>. If you do not have web access you may review the materials on our website at the DEQ Regional Office located at 900 Skyline Drive, Suite B, Idaho Falls.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Dan Pitman at (208) 373-0502.

All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and <u>received</u> by the undersigned on or before 5 p.m. MDT, September 24, 2007.

DATED this 20th day of August, 2007.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division